

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

AMAZON.COM, INC., et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

KEXLEWATERFILTERS, et al.,

Defendants.

CASE NO. C22-1120JLR

ORDER REGARDING SERVICE

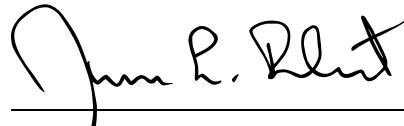
Plaintiffs filed their complaint in this action on August 11, 2022, against 16 named Defendants and ten unknown Doe Defendants. (Compl. (Dkt. # 1).) To date, Plaintiffs have not filed proof that they have served any of the Defendants. (*See generally* Dkt.)

On February 7, 2023, Plaintiffs moved *ex parte* for an order authorizing them to serve the named Defendants, who they believe are located in China, by email to the email addresses associated with their Amazon.com selling accounts. (2/7/23 Mot. (Dkt. # 18).) The court denied Plaintiffs' motion without prejudice on February 15, 2023, holding that Plaintiffs had failed to demonstrate that service by email comports with constitutional due

1 process because they did not show that the emails at issue are valid and are successfully  
2 receiving messages. (2/15/23 Order (Dkt. # 22).) Plaintiffs have not renewed their  
3 motion for alternative service of process. (*See generally* Dkt.)

4 Under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(m), the 90-day deadline for service of  
5 process does not apply where service is effected in a foreign country. Fed. R. Civ. P.  
6 4(m); *see also id.* 4(f), 4(h) (setting forth procedures for serving a corporation located in a  
7 foreign country). Nevertheless, in the interest of managing its docket, the court ORDERS  
8 Plaintiffs to submit a status report no later than March 31, 2023, and every 90 days  
9 thereafter until service is effected, regarding the status of their efforts to serve the named  
10 Defendants.

11 Dated this 20th day of March, 2023.

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15 United States District Judge  
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